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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

Eight years ago when my husband and I were first married we were able to get internet for \$25 a month through Cox. I looked around and did reasearch. Our next best option was AT&T but Cox won out. Over several years our rate went up to over \$50 for the same internet service. I called around again and to my surprise this was the going rate!

About a year ago we moved to Buhler, a small town in Kansas and again I did research on internet. Our best options now are Century Link, a large company who from the moment I called them reminded me of Cox (always trying to get me to buy more from them and raising rates frequently and without notice) and IdeaTek, a small local company whom we have been so happy with!

From the moment I first called them, I have been happy. We have had the same rate the past year (we never went that long without a raise in rate from Cox) and they have been more than helpful... even getting in contact with us when our internet went down. I never feel pressured to upgrade when I call asking for help.

Being able to choose which company we give our money to for services is what America is built on and it should continue to be that way. We love being able to support local people and getting amazing service and a great rate to boost!

Please don't let giant companies take our choice away. There are so many areas where we don't have a choice in commerce anymore, don't add to that.

Sincerely,
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